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INTERPRETIVE OPINION

Pursuant to §103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), all buildings and facilities constructed by, or on behalf of the State or any county, shall conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) and amendments. In accordance to HRS §103-50 and Chapter 11-217, Hawaii Administrative Rules, the Disability and Communication Access Board has authority to issue interpretive opinions to HRS §103-50 design standards.

Docket: **DCAB 2004-05:** Can the “Recommendations for Accessible Guidelines: Outdoor Developed Areas, Final Report”, published in September 1999, Outdoor Recreation Access Routes, Section 16.3.1 Surface, be utilized in lieu of the ADAAG Section 4.5.1 General – Ground and Floor Surfaces for a continuous unobstructed path designated for pedestrian use that connects accessible elements within a picnic area, camping area, or designated trailhead?

Summary: Recommendations for Accessible Guidelines: Outdoor Developed Areas, Final Report, published in September 1999, Outdoor Recreation Access Routes, Section 16.3.1 Surface states, “The surface of outdoor recreation access routes shall be firm and stable”. The Disability and Communication Access Board felt that not having ‘slip resistance’ as part of the requirement would make the ruling less stringent than ADAAG. The qualification to the guideline of the phrase ‘in dry conditions’ regarding ‘slip resistance’ is due to the fact that ADAAG does not have any guidelines when reviewing slip resistance in wet conditions under Section 4.5.

Ruling: For buildings or facilities subject to HRS §103-50,

ADAAG 4.5.1

The surface of a continuous unobstructed path designated for pedestrian use that connects accessible elements within a picnic area, camping area, or designated trailhead in an outdoor developed area shall be firm and stable as per ADAAG 4.3.6, and slip resistant as per ADAAG 4.3.6 in dry conditions.

[Rul:03/04] (Auth and Imp: HRS §103-50)

If you have any questions or comments regarding this ruling, please call 586-8121.

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